

WEST POINT HAS TELEPHONE LINE

An Elegant House Party in King and Queen County.

MANY YACHTING PARTIES

Summer Visitors Fill Nearly Every Country Home.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WEST POINT, VA., August 5.—This week marks an important epoch in the history of West Point. The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company completed the line into the town, though there are still some gaps to fill up before the service is perfected. Within a few weeks the exchange will be prepared to handle all business presented.

One of the features of great enjoyment in this section was the house party at "Blandale," the beautiful home of Mrs. George C. Bland, member of the House of Delegates for many years from King and Queen county. Miss Annie Lee Bland had as her guests from a distance Miss Jordan, Mount Washington, Md.; Miss Jackson, Blackstone, Va.; Miss Tamm, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Cooper, Newport News, Va. The gentlemen entertained were Senator J. Boyd Sears, of Mathews county; Messrs. Spottawood, Bird and Patella, of Baltimore; Ralun and Carlton, of Richmond; Mylin Cor, of West Point; Drs. Clyde E. Hunt, of West Point, and J. Moncure Bland, of Centerville.

The guests were introduced at an elaborate "at home," at which those present were entertained by the game of anagrams, followed by vocal and instrumental music.

Later a yachting party on York River, given by Mrs. Richmond Bland, of West Point, was greatly enjoyed. On Wednesday Mrs. J. L. Bland, of West Point, became their hostess at an epicurean tea, and later in the evening a sail was given by Drs. Ross and Bland. After parting, a party of twenty-five were charmingly entertained on Tuesday by Mr. Roger Gregory Brooks on his fine summer launch. Miss Annie Lee Bland accompanied Miss Mary Lee Cooper to her home in Newport News.

MANY GAYETTES. There are still many visitors in West Point, but the surrounding neighborhoods in the country are literally full of summer visitors, enjoying fried chicken, "old ham," "shoot," watermelons and the various good things known only to country people. There is a continued round of coming and going, visiting, sailing, dancing, going to protracted and camp meetings and associations. This round is commonly called rest.

In King William county the office of county clerk is the one most sought. Mr. B. C. Garrett and Mr. Robert O. Garrett, both candidates, were seen here. The young people take a great interest in this election.

There is a big fight for the Legislature. W. A. Willeroy is again a candidate. Judge O. O. Gwathmey is also a candidate. The fight will be close, as both are popular.

Miss Blanche Kevan Parker is in Culver, Ind., where she will spend several weeks at Lake Maxine, with the family of H. H. Culver. Mr. Culver is proprietor of the Culver Military Academy there.

Mr. W. R. Broadus met in Richmond during the week his brother, Rev. M. E. Broadus, D. D., of Missouri, who will assist in several evangelistic meetings in Virginia before returning to his home.

Miss Crystal Parham, who has been ill for several weeks, is sufficiently recovered to take a trip. She is recuperating at Seaside, in the mountains of North Carolina. Dr. and Mrs. George W. Richardson and family, of West Point, and her sister, Dr. May Parham Jones, accompanied her, and will remain several weeks.

PICNIC BY BOAT. The Baptist Sunday school will give its annual picnic to Walkerton on Thursday, August 10th. Tug and vessel will convey the party. There will be a base-ball game that day between West Point and Aquinton, two well matched teams.

Quite a number of young people of West Point attended the Wharton Grove camp meeting, in Lancaster county, last Sunday, and expect to attend next Sunday.

Rev. W. W. Sisk, who resigned from Clifton Street Baptist Church, Manchester, was installed as pastor of Olivet last Sunday. Olivet is one of the churches in his new field. Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, of West Point, delivered the exhortation to the church. Rev. John A. Sullivan, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Sisk and Rev. Alexander Fleet were entertained at "Clifton," the home of Captain and Mrs. R. H. Spencer, A. protracted meeting will begin at Olivet next Sunday, to be conducted by Rev. W. W. Sisk, the new pastor.

Miss Olivia Courtney, who taught at Virginia Beach the past season, has returned to her home at Little Plymouth. She had a delightful visit to friends in Boston, New York and Baltimore.

Mr. Trevor Lipscomb has sufficiently recovered from his surgical operation for appendicitis to return to Richmond, where he has a position. Mr. Walker Lipscomb, Rome, Ga., will visit his parents on his return from a visit to New York. His sister, Miss Fannie Lipscomb, has returned from a visit to him in Rome, Ga.

Miss Annie McCanna has returned from a pleasant visit to Miss Virginia Ying Jang, of Westminster, Md.

Miss Margaret Bagby has returned from a visit to her cousin, Miss Janet Seale, at Dunnsville, Essex county, Virginia. There she attended the Rappahannock Association, Wharton Grove camp meeting, and was the recipient of many pleasant attentions from friends and relatives. Miss Adelle Sharp, of Norfolk, who has been visiting Misses Margaret and Jane Bagby, left Friday for Petersburg.

Mr. John Ware, of Essex, visited West Point during the week.

Mr. R. W. Pollard, of King and Queen, joined Mr. Henry R. Pollard and wife at West Point and took a flying trip to Baltimore this week for his health.

Miss Mary Nash Saunders, of Norfolk, who has been visiting the Misses Brooks and Dudley's, left this week to visit her aunt, Mrs. Marriott, on Park Avenue, Richmond, Va.

Mr. A. L. Stratford, of Richmond, who spent some time at the Terminal Hotel, left August 2d for his home, greatly improved.

Miss Sadie White, of Richmond; Dr. M. R. Ridd and Mr. Ashton Ridd came on the Twilight Excursion one night during the week.

Mrs. J. Pressly Williams and family are visiting her father, Captain Richard Coleman, at "The Island," Gloucester county.

Mrs. Ada Martin, who has been sick, is recovering.

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RAILROADS ADD MANY NEW TOWNS TO THE MAP

Little Known, But Vastly Important Work of Immigration Bureaus Maintained By Great Railway Systems In the United States.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—No organization more typically American exists than the immigration bureau of one of our great railroad systems. It imposes no conditions on prospective inhabitants for the areas it has set about filling with people except that they must be industrious, so that ultimately they shall provide freight for the road to transport. Its arguments are chiefly addressed to that great mass of the American public whose imagination is attracted by the prospect of a substantial farm, an ample family and three comfortable meals a day. Immigration bureaus have no religious preferences, no politics, no race prejudices; they are simply and frankly looking for business for their roads in a way that incidentally has done great things for the section of the country where they operate.

The immigration scheme.

The railway systems now composing the old Granger roads are the most pic-

a single town increased in 1900-1901 from \$62,000 to \$172,000; another town in 1900 returned \$28,575 in 1902 \$206,108; and so the story proceeds. One railway company issues a booklet about Oklahoma, which makes your mouth water with the possibilities of wealth disclosed by its insinuating descriptions and generous pictures. Looking from the street scenes of the more pretentious towns, where you may gaze past irregular brick blocks out into the wide, open prairie with the sky-line showing miles beyond, to the tracts of cotton and wheat with the sunburned inhabitants in the foreground, working industriously, you begin to wake up to a sense of the vastness of the nation's gardening. This road publishes a similar compendium of rosy tales for every State and Territory it enters, and distributes its work broadcast.

Has Monthly Magazine.

The immigration bureau of another great system edits and publishes a monthly magazine which has attained a circulation of 40,000. The farmers of the great Southwest are the subscribers

by its low rates on grain, cattle and dairy products, created Nebraska. It was to build up considerable tracts of country by well-balanced industrial relations that the railways first adopted the so-called "group rates." These are applied generously in the districts to which the immigration bureaus give special attention. There is, for instance, a "group rate" on all early fruits and vegetables, including all shipments for four hundred miles north of Mobile, on one line, in order that the market gardeners with whom the previously barren tract has been peopled may enter the Northern markets on competitive terms and become prosperous and profitable shippers.

These instances are but an indication of the methods which are used by American railways in settling lands, making them fertile and bringing prosperity to hundreds of thousands of people.

EPOCH IN HISTORY OF LOUISA COUNTY

Lay Corner-Stone of Court-House and Unveil Monument Same Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISA, VA., August 5.—The new court-house is completed, and for days workmen have been busy cleaning up the court-house green, and any one who had not visited Louisa for a short while would not know the new town, with its granite walks and well trimmed shade trees. Every one is busy painting and decorating, making ready for August 17th, on which day the corner-stone of the court-house will be laid and the Confederate monument will be unveiled.

Standing on a pedestal of Virginia granite is the statue of a Virginia soldier in bas relief—the work of a Virginian sculptor and covered by a white veil, which will be drawn aside by four Confederate veterans in Confederate uniform on August 17. Confederate camps from other sections will come to help us do honor to Louisa's brave soldiers, and mindful of her old time hospitality, a basket dinner will be served on the court green the old way that only Virginia ladies know how to serve it. Preparations for Louisa's big day are about completed.

The programme of the unveiling of the monument consists of prayer by Rev. R. A. Williams, of Fredericksburg.

Addresses of presentation of monument to the Louisa Camp of Confederate Veterans and citizens of Louisa. Acceptance of the monument on part of citizens, by R. L. Gordon, Jr.

On part of veterans the address will be by William Kean, commander Louisa Camp, Confederate Veterans.

The unveiling of the monument will be done by D. A. Trites, C. K. Pendleton, Captain F. V. Winston and Jesse J. Porter in Confederate uniform.

Addresses will then be delivered at the grove, in the West End, by Governor William E. Cameron, on "The Confederate Soldier," and Rev. J. William Jones will tell "What Louisa Did in the War Between the States."

At 12:30 P. M. dinner will be served. The corner-stone laying ceremonies begin at 2:30 P. M.

Masonic procession will form and proceed from the Masonic lodge to new court-house building.

The corner-stone laying, with Masonic ceremonies in due and ancient form is in charge of the grand master of Masons of Virginia, and will enter the new court-house building in the following order: Board of Supervisors, judge of Louisa Circuit Court, visiting members of the bar, local bar, clerks, citizens generally.

Captain W. T. Meade, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, will preside over the meeting, in company with all the members of such board.

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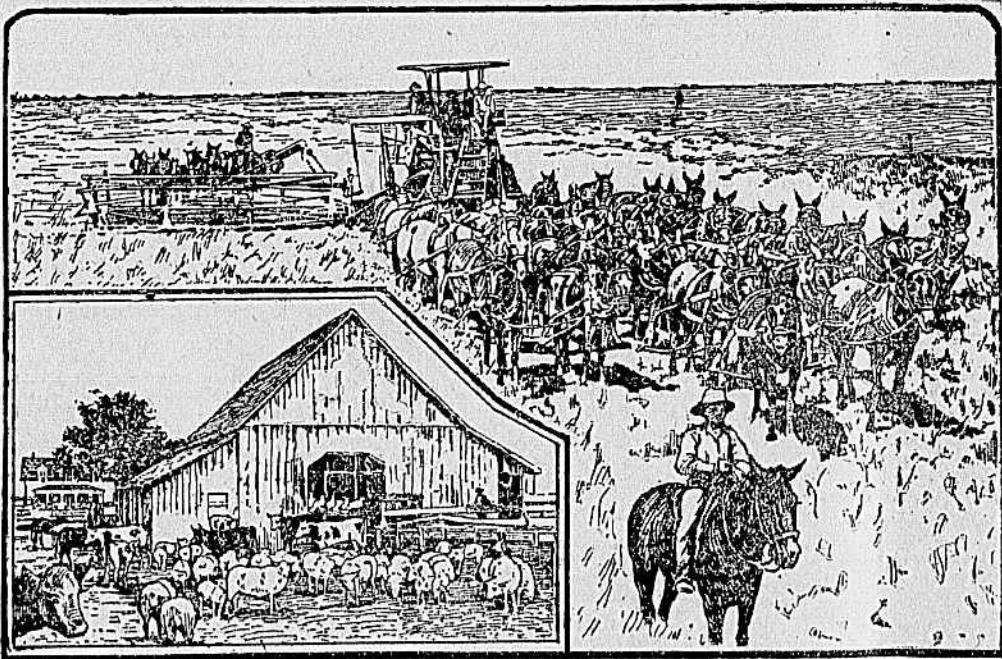
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Like our forefathers, the Puritans, Pilgrims and Quakers, the best of these pioneers are men of strong and simple religious faith. Side by side you find settlements of Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptist Brethren, Lutherans and Catholics. And just as in the old days on the broad farms of New England our grandfathers and grandmothers romped among fifteen and twenty sisters and brothers, living themselves to bring up, in their turn, ten or a dozen children, so now in the valleys of Colorado, on the ranches of Wyoming, and more or less throughout the north and breadth of this wonderful empire west of the Mississippi there is growing up a tremendous crop of young Americans, who mean prosperity, both present and future.

The astonishing rapidity with which the West of to-day lures in settlers and prosperity, is, in good measure, due to the hustling, wholesale and eminently American policy of the railroad immigration bureaus. This is called to mind by countless instances forever cropping up in literature and observation. Of the ample, 38 small towns in the young community of Oklahoma in 1903 reported of banks with deposits of \$3,000,000. The yearly freight receipts of one road from

and gain from its columns a great deal of useful and helpful information with regard to the conduct of their farms, irrigation and so on. Similar publications are issued by several other roads. Shop, shop, to the prosperous calling of these magazines simple and the same is the subject of all the thoughts and dreams of their actual and possible readers.

There is something eminently refreshing to the inhabitant of an old country in this strenuous industry. It breathes the spirit of youth and high hopes. Two of the most conspicuous railroads of the country for the activity of their immigration bureaus are two that the average traveler would probably think of as what might be called metropolitan as distinguished from rural systems. Yet tracts in the South have been settled by one of them with farmers devoted to the prosperous calling of market gardening, while the other has done so much in the way of colonizing South Dakota that the State authorities have come to regard it as a public advertising agency and have given it official recognition.

Building It Up.

The responsibility of a railroad immigration bureau does not end with the peopling of its territory. The next and especially important lookout is that the new settlers make the right product and obtain markets for it. In other words, the railroad, after giving birth to a community, must encourage it. This has been done in a number of different ways. One railroad maintained for years an experiment station to teach the farmers of Western Kansas the best methods of subsoil cultivation. Another

Old court-house now displaced by the New Structure. By Judge A. K. Leake, subject—"The Bench, Bar and Citizens of Louisa County."

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The Great Lafayette, as he is known to the theatrical world, comes to the Casino to-morrow night for a stay of a week. The play is called "The Lion's Bride," or the "Pearl of Bhutan," it traverses the entire territory from miniature grand opera, acrobatics, animal training and vaudeville, including a time for legere drama.

The past week the company played at the Ocean View Casino, and in speaking of the production, the Norfolk papers are a unit in saying that it has not been surpassed this season.

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